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### NM Rail Runner Express completes Lobo Special Events Platform

#### Special Platform at Commercial and Avenida Cesar Chavez ready for boarding and deboarding

(Albuquerque, NM – September 9, 2009)- The New Mexico Rail Runner Express is ready to open its Lobo Special Events Platform.

"This is yet another way the New Mexico Rail Runner Express can help New Mexicans attend special events at the University of New Mexico", says Governor Bill Richardson. "Many people will be able to discover the ease and convenience the Rail Runner offers to those who want to enjoy these events without the headache of fighting traffic or finding a nearby parking spot."

More than a year ago, the University of New Mexico and the Mid-Region Council of Governments collaborated on an idea to create a special events platform for Lobo Athletics. The MRCOG then worked with the governor and legislators to procure an additional half-million dollars in funding, and UNM matched that funding with another half-million dollars. While the new platform will not be a regular stop on the Rail Runner route, it will be available to provide a valuable transportation alternative for those wanting to attend events in the university corridor, and avoid the hassle of finding parking.

"What's great about this platform is that it will be available to use at athletic events and other events at university facilities", says Lawrence Rael, Executive Director for the Mid-Region Council of Governments. "It will also be available for use in the future for events at the Albuquerque Isotopes Stadium, so this will be a very convenient stop for our citizens."

The Lobo Special Events Platform is located on Commercial Avenue almost directly beneath Avenida Cesar Chavez. . For this game only, fares for the Lobo train and bus service will be the normal discounted zone fare for Saturday.

[See schedule for Lobo game on Saturday, Sept 12th](#)

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